(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to transfer such employees of CGHS, Delhi from one Zone to the other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) Guidelines for transfers/ postings in CGHS are generally being implemented in the CGHS headquarters and also in its zonal headquarters in Delhi/New Delhi.

At times some of the staff/officials are retained in their posts held by them beyond the specific period in public inierest. 463 officers/staff out of 3590 vac working in the same place of posting for more than five years in Delhi.

देश में टी० बी० के रोगी

2898. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय टी० बी० के रोगियों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) इस रोग की रोकथाम और उपचार के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है ; और

(ग) गरीबों की सहायता के लिए क्या-क्या योजनाएं और कार्यक्रम है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) अनुमान है कि देश की 1.5 प्रतिशत आबादी विकिरण, चिकित्सा विज्ञान संबंधी सक्रिय फेफड़ों के क्षय रोग से पीड़ित हैं और इनमें से 1.4 अर्थात् 0.4 प्रतिशत व्यक्तियों का थूक पॉजीटिव अथवा संक्रामक है ।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय क्षय रोग नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत देश के 387 जिलों में जिला क्षय रोग केन्द्र खोले गए हैं । इसके अतिरिक्त लगभग 300 क्षय रोग क्लिनिक कार्य कर रहे हैं । आपात और गम्भीर रूप से बीमार क्षय रोगियों के लिए लगभग 47,000 क्षय रोग पलंग हैं । निवारक उपाय के रूप में बी सी जी का टीका लगाया जा रहा है । क्षय रोग के निवारण और रोकथाम के बारे में स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा भी प्रदान की जाती है ।

Inadequate Hospital facilities in the capital

2899. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether th_e number of unregistered Nursing Homes in the Capital are increasing in comparison to tb_e number of Government Hospitals;

(b) whether the existing Government Hospitals are inadequate to provide treatment t_0 the citizens in the Capital;

(c) whether the ago between number of Health Centre and the population is too wide; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Gov ernment to fill the gap and to stren gthen th_e health services in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Nursing Homes in Delhi are small units offering investigative and in-patient facilities and cannot be compared with Government Hospitals which are planned to cater to large sections of the population.

(b) to (d) To meet the need of increased medicare facilities to the increasing population of th_a Capital. the Delhi Administration has a programme of setting up a number of'" 100 bedded'and 500 bedded Hospitals

in the peripheral areas of the Capital and these Hospitals are at different states of planning/construction. Constant efforts are also being made to ! augment the facilities in the existing Government hospitals.

Complaints against Director, OKI Kasauli (H.P.)

2900. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND j FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Memorandum or representation from the Employees' Association of the Central Research Institute, Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh) listing allegations of the irregularities and misconduct against the Director of the Institute;

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is prposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to order an inquiry into the matters; and if so, by whenr

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

((D) and (c) The complaint has been examined and the CRI Employees' Association, Kasauli were asked to furnish evidence in support of the charges levelled against the Director of the Institute. They have not so far furnished any evidence in this regard.

Discovery for new virus

2901. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister or HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the recent World AIDS Conference held at AMSTERDAM an expatriate Indian microbiologist Shri Sudhir Gupta of the University of California, has claimed to have discovered a new Virus that causes an AIDS-like disease;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what were the main recommendations made by the conference for elimination of this disease and cooperation sought/proposed amongst the delegates who attended the World Conference in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Dr. Sudhir Gupta, an expatriate Indian Microbiologist at University of California has claimed to have identified a retrovirus (Human Intra-cisternal Retrovirus (HICRV) which causes AIDS-like disease. This is based on the virus isolated from a woman in United States with an AIDS-like syndrome who has no risk factors for AIDS and no signs of infection with HIV. This new virus was also isolated from the same woman's daughter who had no symptoms of AIDS or HIV infection. His research has not demonstrated that the new virus caused AIDS or any other disease. He also does not know how it is transmitted. Its detection is not easy as it dos no multiply like HIV.

The delegates participating in the World AIDS Conference at Amsterdam discussed a number of AIDS related subjects and as such, no specific recommendations were made at the end of the Conference. However, the discussions revolved around the following aspects:—

(a) Causative factors of HIV infections including strain characteristics and different types of virus related to mode of transmission;

(b) Commitment for vaccine production, selection of sites for vaccine trials especially in developing countries and technically advanced countries;